

Business Briefs

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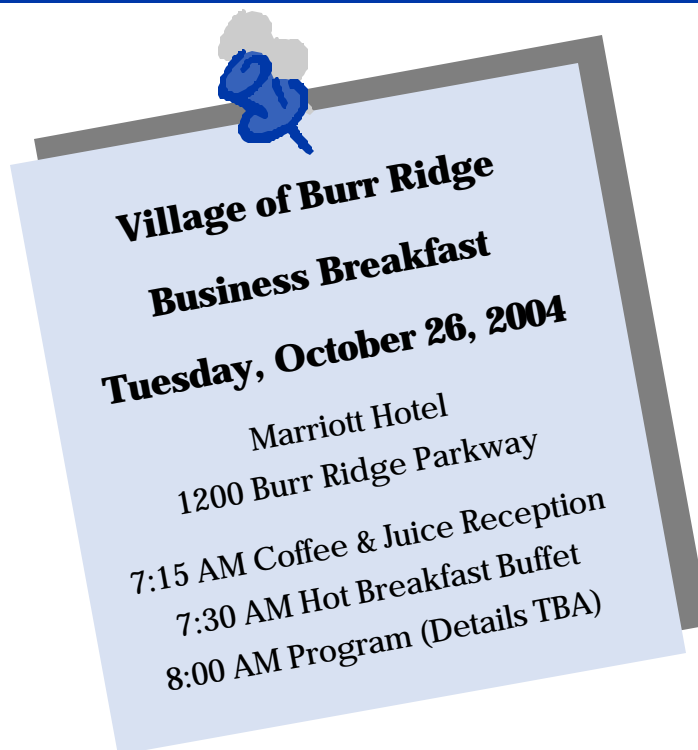
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Mission Statement

To act as a recommending body to advise the Village Board and Staff on ways to develop a positive business climate, consistent with the existing residential character of the community, which will encourage the retention of existing businesses and promote and assist in the growth and development of new businesses. The BREDC will seek to build relationships among the Village Board, Staff, commercial developers, various associations of commerce and industry and Burr Ridge businesses that encourages an exchange of information, the promotion of the Village as a viable location for new investment and the development of policies which will provide the impetus for the retention/expansion of the local tax base and employment opportunities.

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Village to Host Annual Business Breakfast

Mark your calendar now for the annual Business Breakfast. Watch your mail for an invitation to the Economic Development Committee's annual Business Breakfast. Join your fellow business leaders, the Economic Development Committee, Village officials and Staff for networking and the latest information about Burr Ridge.

Chamber of Commerce Special Event Focuses on Wellness

The Health and Wellness Committee of the Willowbrook/Burr Ridge Chamber of Commerce and Industry will host a free Health and Wellness Fair, Sunday, September 26th from 11 AM to 3 PM at the Hanson Center (59th and Garfield Streets in Burr Ridge). Local chamber businesses will distribute information about health care and services and answer questions about various topics. Velocity Sports Performance will be on hand to oversee performance drills and the Yoga Teachers Group will offer yoga demonstrations. The Tri-State and Pleasantview Fire Protection Districts will conduct free blood pressure and glucose tests. The Indian Prairie Library, Burr Ridge Park District, Burr Ridge and Willowbrook Police Departments and the Hanson Center will discuss services and activities. Whole Foods of Willowbrook will offer an Ice Cream Social event, the musical group Phive will perform throughout the day, and, for a small fee the Hanson Center will offer pony rides.



High Speed Internet Access Coming Soon

Businesses in Burr Ridge have been at a disadvantage due to the lack of DSL service and inability to connect to cable internet. To resolve this, the Village has been working to bring broadband internet access to Burr Ridge businesses and residents. By leasing water tower space, the service provider will be able to place wireless equipment on the north and south ends of the Village, thereby providing service to the entire Village. One company has conducted a site survey and spectrum analysis and is processing the required information to come before the Village's Plan Commission in late September.

In the interim, if businesses are looking for service in the southern portion of the Village by Hinsdale Industrial Park, they can contact CTI Connect to see if service could be provided using the current Tri-State Village tower setup. Additional information about the company can be found on their web site: <http://www.converge-tech.com>.

Parking Space Design Criteria Modified

Parking space design criteria were modified to create wider parking spaces, eliminate overhang and reduce aisle width. The new criteria, approved as part of the Plan Commission's annual review of the zoning ordinance, went into affect on May 10th for all new buildings.

The new criteria requires a 9 by 18 foot parking space with a 24 foot aisle that does not allow for overhang of vehicles. The effect of the change is to create a wider parking space. The old criteria required an 8.5 by 19 foot space with a 25 foot aisle and allowed for overhang of vehicles parked adjacent to the curb or perimeter.

Village Welcomes Marriott Hotel

Join us in welcoming the new Chicago Marriott at Burr Ridge and Convention Center, located in the Corporate Park at 1200 Burr Ridge Parkway. The facility, which opened in August, is home to 183 guest rooms, 11 meeting rooms, and a restaurant. Welcome Marriott Hotel!

Police Department to Host Open House

Members of the business community are invited to join the Burr Ridge Police Department for its second annual Open House on Saturday, September 18th from 10 AM to 2 PM. Featured attractions include food, prizes, fun and games for everyone, as well as an opportunity to come out and meet the officers that serve the community.

Important Information About Alarms

If your business currently has an alarm system or is considering installing one, it must be registered with the Village. Chapter 4 of the Village Code provides that no person shall install, operate, or maintain any automatic protection device or signaling device without first obtaining a permit from the Police Department. Following a 30-day grace period, the operation of an unregistered alarm system will result in issuance of a citation.

Registration of alarm systems is very important to Police Department emergency response planning. Therefore, the few minutes it takes to complete the permit form is well worth the investment. There is no fee for the alarm system permit. Applications are available at the Police Department. This applies to businesses (especially after-hours contact personnel) as well as residences.

In 2003, the Police Department responded to 1,668 activated burglar alarms. While it is fortunate that most were false alarms, each alarm receives a full emergency response. This is both costly and dangerous. The potential for traffic accidents increases sharply, especially during those hours when responding officers encounter heavy traffic. Businesses can do their part to reduce the number of false alarms by ensuring that their systems are properly maintained. There is a service fee of \$50 for each false alarm in excess of 4 in any one year period, beginning May 1, except during the first 30 days after activation of a new system.

Citizen's Police Academy

Representatives of the business community are encouraged to enroll in the seventh annual Burr Ridge Citizen Police Academy. The Academy begins Thursday, September 9th, and continues for ten weeks. The weekly sessions are held at Village Hall, 7660 S. County Line Road, from 6:30 to 9:30 PM one night a week. The Academy is designed to develop stronger ties between the community and its police officers by providing "students" with an understanding of police work. The Academy has received high praise from its alumni. Contact Officer Zuccherro at 323-8181, extension 322 to enroll.



Visit the Village's web site at
www.burr-ridge.gov

Road Construction throughout the Village

Construction season is in full swing, leaving employees and customers to navigate detours and road closures. County Line Road is open to northbound traffic only while Cook County reconstructs the road from 79th to 91st Street. Southbound traffic is detoured to Madison Street back to County Line Road. Plainfield Road, also a Cook County Project, is being reconstructed with eastbound non-local traffic detoured from County Line Road to 55th Street, to Wolf Road. The eastbound lane is closed at the bridge and anyone traveling over I-294 must use the detour. North Frontage Road traffic is detoured from County Line Road to South Frontage Road to Madison Street. Harvester Drive will remain open. Signage has been installed to eliminate cut through traffic from businesses in nearby residential areas. The Village's Road Program includes 97th Street, the Hinsdale Industrial Park and the 72nd Street/Pleasantdale and Chasemoor residential areas near the corporate park, including Chasemoor Drive. Weekly updates are available on the Village's Cable Channel 6 Bulletin Board or the Village's Engineering Department web pages. Visit www.burr-ridge.gov.

2003 Top Sales Tax Generators

Listed in alphabetical order, the 2003 top sales tax generators are American Marketing Systems Inc., Bobak Enterprises Inc., Dik Drug Co., Finkbiner Equipment Co., Industrial Electrical Supply of HSD, Merle B. Smith Company Inc., Mid-Way Supply Inc., Praxair Inc., Royal Office Products, W.W. Grainger Inc.

These top ten companies generated an aggregate total of \$1,015,775 in sales tax revenue for the Village of Burr Ridge, representing 52.4% of all sales tax received in the 2003 calendar year.

Know the Code

Before you dig: Call JULIE for safety's sake. Dial 1-800-892-0123 to have utilities located before you begin any underground work on your property. There is no cost to the caller and locates will prevent you or anyone working on your property from hitting important, and potentially dangerous, utility lines.

Refuse: We urge all members of the business community to do their part to keep Burr Ridge clean by remembering that refuse containers must be within an enclosure specifically for this purpose located adjacent to the rear wall of the building and must remain covered at all times.

ProSORT Makes Generous Donation

A very special thanks to Paul Bailey, president of ProSORT Services in Burr Ridge, the first local business owner to help build the Burr Ridge Veterans Memorial. Mr. Bailey purchased an engraved brick for himself and each of his 24 U.S. veteran employees, honoring their service in the U.S. military. Mr. Bailey, himself a decorated Vietnam veteran, donated \$2,500 for the bricks and an additional \$5,000 toward construction of the memorial.



Paul Bailey of ProSORT (left) presents Cpl. Vaclav with a donation for the Veterans Memorial.

To date, the Veterans Memorial Committee has raised \$35,000. Any business wishing to make a donation or learn more about the memorial brick program can call Corporal Timothy Vaclav at (630) 654-8181, ext. 309.

Direct Debit Your Company's Water Bill

Businesses can enroll in the direct debit program for payment of their Village water/sewer bills. This optional plan automatically deducts payments from your bank account. Companies will continue to receive statements from the Village so that they can track water consumption and keep records of each payment. Enrolling is easy. The Authorization Agreement form can be printed from the Finance Department section of the Village web site at www.burr-ridge.gov or can be obtained by contacting the Finance Department at 654-8181, ext. 203. Complete the form, sign it and attach a voided check indicating the bank account that is to be debited and return both forms to the Village of Burr Ridge Finance Department, 7660 County Line Rd., Burr Ridge, IL 60527.

Conversations with Business leaders

Thank you Tom Carmody, Vice President, and Gaye Wagner, Assistant Vice President, of Harris Bank, and Paul Bailey, President of ProSORT Services, for participating in "Conversations with Business Leaders" at the March and May Meetings of the Economic Development Committee.

If your company president would like to discuss issues surrounding your business or the community with the Economic Development Committee, please call Steve Stricker, Village Administrator, at 654-8181, ext. 100.

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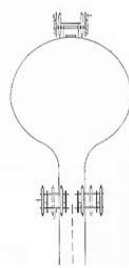
Police Offer Security Advice and Surveys

Does your business feel that a more visible police presence is needed because of special security concerns? Would you like advice on making your place of business more secure? The Burr Ridge Police Department will be happy to address your special needs and concerns. If your business has specific needs for employee security in parking lots, specific problems or specific security risks, these should be brought to the attention of Chief Herbert Timm by calling 323-8181. You can also conduct a Security Survey of your business. To schedule a Security Survey, contact Officer Angie Zuccherro at 323-8181, extension 322.

Veterans Memorial Fundraising Continues

Join the Veterans Memorial Committee Saturday, September 11th for a Pancake Breakfast to benefit the Veterans Memorial. Brighton Gardens Sunrise Senior Living Center will be hosting the event from 8 to 11 AM. A donation of \$5.00 is requested. Tickets are available at Village Hall and Brighton Gardens (6801 High Grove Blvd., ½ mile west of County Line Rd., off Plainfield Rd.). Call Corporal Timothy Vaclav for details at (630) 654-8181, ext. 309.

Sprint, T-Mobile add Antennae to Burr Ridge



To improve cellular phone service, Sprint and T-mobile will be installing new antennas in the Village. Sprint is utilizing the neck of the water tower on 83rd and Madison Streets, while T-mobile plans to install an antenna on top of the CNH water tower at 7S600 County Line Road.

Welcome New Businesses

Join us in welcoming the following new members of the Burr Ridge Business Community: Allegiance Insurance Services, Inc.; American Licorice Company; Ameriquist Mortgage Company; Burr Ridge Eye Care, Inc.; Burr Ridge Institute for Family Chiropractic, LLC; Chi-Town Express; The Clean Team, d/b/a Cleaning Authority; Common Sense Solutions, Inc.; Edelweiss Patisserie; Exhibit Works, Inc.; Harvest Investments, Ltd.; Hawthorne Development Corp.; Hoveround Corporation; K-M Tire; MIR Appraisal Services, Inc.; O.B.A. Midwest Ltd.; Rogy's Learning Place; Stellar Equipment Corporation; Trident Capital, Inc.; Xtreme Sports World, d/b/a Martial Arts Xtreme.